

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Final Office Action mailed on March 21, 2006, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 8, 42, 49, 58, and 65 are amended, claims 22, 30, and 47 are canceled, and claims 72-74 are added; as a result, claims 1-21, 23-29, 31-46, and 48-74 are now pending in this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 72-74 do not introduce any new subject matter and are intended to cover additional claimable subject matter fully supported by the originally filed specification.

§ 102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-6, 8-12, 14, 16, 42, 43, 46, 49-54, 57-61, 66, 67, 70 and 71 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Howell et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,443,574). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows.

With regard to independent claim 1, as amended, the Howell reference appears to describe, "A removable vehicle entertainment system is provided." (Abstract). The reference does not show a docking station that includes a dedicated indicator that indicates when a projector is successfully coupled to the docking station.

In contrast, Applicant's independent claim 1, as amended, recites:

a docking station including speakers and a media drive;
wherein said docking station is configured to selectively and
releasably couple a projector to said docking station; and
wherein said docking station includes a dedicated indicator that
indicates when said projector is successfully coupled to said docking
station.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element and limitation of independent claim 1, as amended, is not present in the Howell reference. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection of independent claim 1, as amended, as well as those claims that depend therefrom.

With regard to independent claim 42, as amended, the Howell reference appears to describe, "one or more electrical connectors 44 that are in electrical communication with at least a power supply 46 and, either directly or indirectly, one or more speakers

48 of the vehicle.” (Col. 4, lines 63-66). The reference does not show forming a body of a docking station, wherein the body includes a media drive and a cavity configured to receive a projector, with the body configured to selectively and releasably couple to the projector, and including a speaker in the body of the docking station.

In contrast, Applicant’s independent claim 42, as amended, recites:

forming a body of said docking station, wherein said body includes a media drive and a cavity configured to receive a projector, with said body configured to selectively and releasably couple to said projector; and

including a speaker in said body of said docking station.

Independent claim 49, as amended, recites:

a plurality of multimedia components including a speaker and a media drive within a housing;

wherein said docking station is configured to selectively and releasably couple a projector to said multimedia components.

In addition, independent claim 58, as amended, recites:

a projector; and

a docking station including a speaker and a media drive within a housing configured to selectively and releasably couple to said projector, wherein said projector is further configured to receive a video signal from said media drive and to project images using said video signal.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that each and every element and limitation of independent claims 42, 49, and 58, as amended, is not present in the Howell reference. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 102(b) rejection of independent claims 42, 49, and 58, as amended, as well as those claims that depend therefrom.

§ 103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 19 and 62-65 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Howell et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,443,574) in view of Derryberry (U.S. Patent No. 6,626,543). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection as follows.

Claims 19 and 62-65 depend from independent claims 1, 58, 32, and 42, respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 58, 32, and 42, as amended, are in condition for allowance. From Applicant's review of the Derryberry reference, the reference does not cure the deficiencies of the Howell reference. That is, Derryberry does not teach or suggest, either individually or in combination with the Howell reference, "wherein said docking station includes a dedicated indicator that indicates when said projector is successfully coupled to said docking station" as recited in independent claim 1, as amended. Nor does Derryberry teach or suggest, either individually or in combination, "a docking station including a speaker and a media drive within a housing configured to selectively and releasably couple to said projector" as recited in independent claim 58, as amended, "a housing means including audio means for producing audio signals", as recited in independent claim 32, and "including a speaker in said body of said docking station", as recited in independent claim 42, as amended.

As such, Applicant respectfully submits that the Howell and Derryberry references do not teach or suggest, either individually or in combination, each and every element and limitation of independent claims 1, 58, 32, and 42, as amended. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the § 103(a) rejection of dependent claims 19 and 62-65.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 20, 21, 23-29, 31-37, 39, 40, 68 and 69.

Claim 47 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has endeavored to incorporate allowable subject matter from dependent claim 47 into independent claim 42. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the 102 rejection of independent claim 42, as amended, as well as those claims that depend therefrom.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Tim Myers at (541) 715-4197.

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